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## **Washington State Patrol SWAT Accomplishments for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2005**

During the first quarter of 2005, the Washington State Patrol (WSP) Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team assisted 39 law enforcement agencies across the state of Washington. The calls ranged from methamphetamine investigations (lab processing or investigation), weapons of mass destruction (WMD) events, barricaded persons, hostage situations, high-risk warrants service, and high-risk arrest situations.

The SWAT team conducted 16 high-risk tactical entries which is a 60 percent increase over 2004. The entries were a combination of methamphetamine laboratories, warrant services, high risk arrest situations, and hostage/barricaded suspects.

The SWAT team in one case served an arrest warrant in Thurston County where they were shot at by a suspect. The WSP SWAT team was able to arrest the suspect without injury to the suspect or themselves. There was a large scale marijuana grow discovered in the residence after the arrest.

The WSP SWAT team is a resource available, upon request, to law enforcement statewide. This team is highly trained and provides an added level of officer safety for high-risk situations, as well as, protection for the communities involved.

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